

THE CONDENSER.

The Pitt of the News in Brief for Hasty Perusal.

The British parliament will meet on the 21st inst.

The coal porters who have been boycotting the Core Steam Packet company have abandoned the strike and resumed work.

The Enoch Pratt free library, containing twenty thousand volumes, has opened in Baltimore. Mr. Pratt has given over a million dollars to the cause.

It is probable that the silver and tariff questions will be largely discussed in congress, and equally probable that there will be no legislation on either of them.

The schoolkeepers at Chattanooga, Tennessee, have begun a strike and have opened newspaper publishers, livery men, street car companies and other Sunday workers.

In honor of Emperor William's jubilee Hart Munchelshoff, councillor of commerce, has presented to the University of Barlin 150,000 marks for scholarship in philosophy.

Mr. W. S. Groves, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is in debt only a little more than \$400,000, and Mr. Aaron P. Perry doubts that there is any city anywhere in the better financial condition.

The severe snow and sleet storm which has been raging throughout the north-west since Saturday, has seriously interfered with the telegraph wires in all directions from Chicago.

Two duns-savel-reading boys committed an early morning robbery in the outskirts of Cincinnati. They wore masks, and intimidated a lone woman; getting away with a small amount of money.

The Republican state senate will not strike the attitude of united opposition to the president's nominations as a policy, but the nomination is to be judged on their merits. But this judgment is likely to lead to embarrassments.

The old woman alleged to have been murdered by her children in London, at Detroit, to have died of pneumonia. The fracture in the skull is declared to have been produced by the county physician in getting at the brain to examine it.

For the year 1885 the Cincinnati tobacco market, with nearly twenty thousand more hogsheads than in 1881, figured up a decrease of money value of more than \$5,000,000. The low price is largely due to the large crop of 1884. The 1885 crop is estimated at twenty thousand hogsheads short of the crop of 1884.

Prayed for Sam Jones.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—The Methodist ministers did not hold their expected meeting. A prayer meeting was held in Trinity church, Jan. 6, with the especial purpose of talking over the coming of the revivalist, Sam Jones, and praying for his success. Rev. Dr. Reed of the Trinity church, presided, and there was a large attendance of the pastors of the various Methodist churches.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Quotations of the Stock, Produce and Cattle Market, Jan. 5.

New York—Money 2 1/2 per cent. Exchange firm. Governments firm.

Currency notes, 12 1/2 bid; four, 12 1/2 bid; four-and-a-half, 12 1/2 bid.

The stock market opened 1/4 to 1/2 per cent lower than yesterday, closing on selling it was said, for London account, but after the first few minutes a number of supporting orders were placed on the market and prices by 11:30 had fully recovered the loss of the morning. Shortly before noon a further advance in the rates of exchange resulted in a free selling that broke prices down to 1 1/2 per cent. The market is now feverish and unsettled.

Bull & Quoin, 13 1/2; Morris & Essex, 10 1/2; Canadian Pacific, 10 1/2; Erie, 10 1/2; Chicago & North Western, 10 1/2; Illinois Central, 10 1/2; St. Paul, 10 1/2; Union Pacific, 10 1/2; Missouri Pacific, 10 1/2; Rock Island, 10 1/2; Santa Fe, 10 1/2; Texas & Pacific, 10 1/2; Western Union, 10 1/2.

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